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American Diplomat Shot in Strasbourg; Wounds Superficial

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PARIS, March 26 — A gunman, firing five times at close range, shot and wounded the United States consul general in Strasbourg today as he left his home there.

The diplomat received what doctors called "superficial wounds."

A group calling itself the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions took responsibility for the attack on the envoy, Robert Onan Homme, 43 years old, who has been the consul in Strasbourg since 1981. A note mailed at noon today to Agence France-Presse by the group said, "Mr. Homme was already well known for his activities as a member of the C.I.A."

Officials at the American Embassy in Paris said Mr. Homme was not with the Central Intelligence Agency but was a career diplomat and political officer whose main task was representing the United States at the European Economic Community's institutions in Strasbourg, notably the European Parliament.

A police spokesman said, "All hypotheses are under investigation at this time," including the possibility that the attack was related to the dismissal by the consul general of a French domestic employee some time ago.

An American diplomat in Strasbourg said Mr. Homme told him he was backing out of the driveway at his house about 8:55 A.M. when he saw a man with a gun pointed at him. Mr. Homme tried to accelerate, and his car spun as the man opened fire, the diplomat said.

Mr. Homme was grazed by bullets near his left eye and on his left chest, the American official said. He was also bruised on the neck, apparently by a bullet. A hospital medical report described the wounds as "superficial and

without the likelihood of serious after-effects." Mr. Homme was not operated on and never lost consciousness.

"It was a case of fractions of centimeters," the police spokesman said. "The consul is a very lucky man."

The bullets and shell casings collected by the police were from a 7.65-millimeter pistol, a light weapon of a type used in attacks on American and Israeli diplomats in France in which the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions claimed involvement. Lieut. Col. Charles Robert Ray, the assistant American military attaché at the embassy, was killed by a 7.65-millimeter bullet in Paris in 1982, and Christian A. Chapman, the chargé d'affaires, escaped injury when shots were fired at him from a similar weapon in 1981.

Link to Israeli's Death

The organization also said it killed a second secretary at the Israeli Embassy in Paris, Yacov Barsimantov, who was shot by a young woman in 1982.

The mailed statement to Agence France-Presse was typed and contained several spelling errors. It said, "The Yanki imperialists are preparing new aggression, this time through the intermediary of the Zionist occupation forces." It said that because of "the Israeli occupation and the massacres orchestrated by the Yankis, we are completely within our rights to attack the enemies of the people wherever they are."

The statement also denounced what it called "the complicity of the yellow Socialists" and "French imperialists who try to camouflage their intervention in Lebanon."

The French police have investigated possible links between the organization and Action Directe, a French extreme left-wing terrorist group. Two members of Action Directe were arrested last week.

The police description of the assailant firing on Mr. Homme was that of a man in his 30's, of Asian or Mediterranean origin, wearing a beige overcoat. The diplomat told American officials

he did not get a good look at the gunman, who was wearing a motorcycle helmet. The assassin escaped on a motorbike.

Mr. Homme, who is married and has three children, has also served in Mexico, Colombia, Italy and Panama. From 1975 to 1981, the American Embassy said, he was at the State Department in Washington in charge of the Common Market desk, then was director of personnel for Europe.